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This is your statement, you signed it, you 1 read it. Come on. 2 A. If Mr. James was in a cooperative mode, then, 3 veah, it would have been done. 4 O. Wasn't cooperating? 5 A. No, he wasn't cooperating. 6 Q. I thought you said you read him his Miranda. 7 A. That doesn't mean he was being truthful and 8 cooperative. 9 10 ATTORNEY NERO: Okay. I have no further 11 12 questions. ATTORNEY SINNETT: I have no further 13 14 questions. THE COURT: You may step down. Members 15 of the jury, we are going to take our mid-afternoon 16 break now. We will be in recess until 3:30. 17 18 (Recess) 19 20 ATTORNEY SINNETT: Call Agent 21 22 Westmoreland. \* \* \* 23 BRIAN WESTMORELAND, 24 called as a witness on behalf of the Commonwealth, 25 145

conduct surveillance and to participate in any arrests of the Defendant, Mr. James.

- Q. Now, were you present at the Mailboxes Etc. location out on Eastern Boulevard in York?
  - A. Yes, sir, I was.
- Q. And is that where you were conducting your surveillance from?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And with whom were you conducting surveillance?
- A. On this particular day, I was assigned with Agent Morgan.
- Q. And particularly what do you recall taking place, if anything, at that Mailboxes Etc.?
  - A. Yes, sir.

On this particular date in question, myself and Agent Morgan was parked just east of the Mailbox Etc. conducting surveillance waiting for Mr. James to arrive to pick up a box that contained marijuana at Mailbox Etc.

Subsequently, Mr. James arrived. He parked just west of Mailbox Etc., approximately 55 yards from the Mailbox Etc. building and proceeded into Mailbox Etc.

Within five to ten minutes, he exited; at

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having been duly sworn according to law,
testified as follows:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY ATTORNEY SINNETT:

Q. Sir, can you give us your full name and occupation, please?

A. My name is Agent Brian Keith Westmoreland. I work for the Pennsylvania State Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Narcotics and Drug Control.

- O. And how long have you worked there?
- A. Approximately 15 years, sir.
- Q. And what specifically are your assignments in that agency in that capacity?
  - A. I am a narcotics agent.
  - O. And have you been doing that for 15 years?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And were you employed and working in that capacity back on January 10th of this year?
  - A. Yes, sir, I was.
- Q. And specifically, were you assigned to work an investigation concerning the Defendant, Mr. James?
  - A. Yes, sir, I was.
    - Q. And what was your assignment or --
    - A. My assignment on this particular date was to 146

which time I got out the vehicle, circled around towards his vehicle, and approached him.

As I approached him, I said, excuse me, sir, can I talk to you, and I had my -- my badge on my chest, and I said, I'm Agent West -- no sooner I said that, he threw the box towards me, and he ran southbound towards the store area.

- Q. Now, when you say you saw him arrive and go in, did you personally observe him pull in the parking lot?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. And did you personally observe him walk into the store?
  - A. Yes, sir, I did.
  - Q. At what point did you decide to leave the car you were in to confront the Defendant?
- 17 A. I believe Agent Morgan gave the signal to 18 take him down.
  - Q. And did you walk by yourself to approach the Defendant?
  - A. Yes. We all had specific locations we were to go once he exited the store.
  - Q. And was your responsibility of your job to confront him or what?
    - A. My job was to get to his vehicle and confront

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It was the previous date that I knew the box contained marijuana.

Q. I'm talking about the date when you were in the parking lot under surveillance, the date that you said you approached him.

Do you understand?

- A. Yes, sir, I do.
- Q. Is it my accent?
- A. Yes, sir.

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- 10 O. Should I slow down?
  - A. No. Continue on. If I have a question, I'll ask it.
    - Q. Thanks.

But you understand me clearly what I'm talking about the date you were in the lot waiting for him, Mr. James that is, to come and pick up a box that you said contained marijuana?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And my question after that was, was it told to you by Officer Morgan or Agent Morgan, that is, that the box contained marijuana?
  - A. Yes, sit. Lie to Superior
- Q. You also said that when you got there, you had a particular assignment, correct?
  - A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. Were you the operator or the passenger?
  - A. I believe I was the passenger.
  - O. Not sure?
    - A. I'm pretty sure I was the passenger.
    - Q. So, my question was when you exited the vehicle that you were in with Agent Morgan, who else was with you when you approached my client?
      - A. I was by myself as I approached your client.
      - O. Where was Agent Morgan?
    - A. I believe he was still in the car operating the vehicle.
    - Q. So, if Agent Morgan testified that he was right behind you, that's not true?
    - A. Like I said, I believe he was in the state vehicle. I'm not sure. I believe.
    - Q. So, you testified right now that you don't know where Agent Morgan was, is that fair?
      - A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Now, where was it that you first observed Mr. 20 James?
- A. When he first got out of his vehicle and walked towards the Mailbox Etc.
  - O. What time is that?
  - A. I don't have the report with me, sir.
- Q. You made a report.

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Q. Your assignment was to approach the car and take him down I believe were your words?

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- A. My assignment was to approach him and identify myself and speak to him and participate in the takedown, yes.
- Q. When you came out of your vehicle, who was with you?
- A. Could you repeat the first part of your question?
- Q. When you came out of your vehicle, who was with you?
- A. I circled around. I was by myself. Agents were scattered throughout the parking lot.
  - Q. So, you were in the car by yourself?
  - A. I didn't go in his car, sir.
  - Q. No, no, you were in a vehicle by yourself?
- 17 A. I was with Agent Morgan as I testified 18 earlier.
  - Q. That's what I'm trying to get. That's what I asked earlier.
    - A. I misunderstood.
- 22 Q. Were you alone or with Agent Morgan?
- 23 A. I was with Agent Morgan.
  - Q. Were you in the vehicle?
  - A. Yes.

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- 1 A. No, I'd have to refer to Agent Morgan's report.
  - O. You never prepared a report?
    - A. No, I did not.
  - Q. So, if you were to look at any report, it would be what Agent Morgan said happened?
    - A. Yes, sir. He was the case agent.
  - Q. How long, if you remember, was Mr. James inside the store?
- A. I'd estimate anywhere from five to ten minutes. I'm not really sure, but I would estimate five to ten minutes.
  - Q. So, he drove up, parked, went inside the store, stayed anywhere between five and ten minutes before he exited with the box?
    - A. That's correct.
    - Q. Did you see him when he was inside?
  - A. No.
- Q. Do you know what was on the box?Do you know what was written on the box?
  - A. No, I do not.
    - Q. You didn't see the box?
- A. I seen the box, but I can't recall what was actually written on it.
  - Q. You already told us you knew it was marijuana

1 inside the box?

A. Yes, sir.

- Q. When was it that you became involved in this investigation?
  - A. The previous day.
- Q. The previous day. Do you know what date that was?
  - A. Like I said, sir, I don't have the reports.
- Q. Well, let me ask you something. On all of these reports that Agent Morgan appeared, you signed them as approved by you?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. Are you telling us then that you relied only on what he said? You have no independent knowledge of any of this?
- A. I approve Agent Morgan's report. Agent Morgan is the case agent; therefore, he is responsible for preparing the report in reference to the incident.
- Q. What do you look for when you look at a report for approval?

What is it you look for?

- A. What I look for is grammar, the accuracy of the report, the fullness of the report.
- Q. How would you know if a report is accurate if you have no knowledge of it?

for completeness and an alleged statement was made, you would want to see the statement that was prepared?

- A. The statement that was prepared by who?
- Q. By the agent.
  - A. A statement he received from your client?
- Q. Yes.
  - A. I would want that in the report, yes, sir.
- Q. Not just -- you would want to see it because you are checking for completeness?
  - A. No. I would want that in the report.
- Q. Well, how would you know if a statement allegedly made by anybody, my client, is accurate if you don't see the actual statement?
- A. Usually, we have another agent in with the agent who is conducting an interview to review that statement and to go over different things with that agent who is preparing the statement.
- Q. All right. Who was with Agent Morgan when he got the statement?
- A. On this particular date, I don't know. It could have been anybody.
- Q. So, my question to you is how would you know what the accuracy of the report is if you have no field notes, if you are not given anything in writing taken down by Agent Morgan?

A. I was there at that particular time. I was there, so I pretty much had knowledge of what had happened, and, excuse me, we all take field notes of different times, and when an agent is preparing a report, we actually go over that -- the times and dates and things like that.

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Q. Do you have a copy of your field notes?

A. No. We destroy them or throw them out after we prepare a report.

- Q. Now, you reviewed a supplemental report prepared by Agent Morgan on April 11th, do you know that --
- A. I review hundreds of reports, sir. I'd have to look at that report.
- Q. Let me see if I understand the process. Help me out.

The report is prepared by Agent Morgan or another agent under your control, and it is given to you, and you review it for grammar, completeness, accuracy, and you sign it.

- A. That's correct.
- Q. You don't see it before that date?
- A. That's correct.
  - Q. So, would it be fair to say that if you
- 25 signed the report April 11th, 2001, and you review it

How would you know the accuracy?

- A. I would have to rely on Agent Morgan's professionalism and experience.
- Q. And whatever he says, you would accept what happened?
  - A. Concerning the statement, that's correct.
- Q. Now, you participated in this case. You said you got involved in it the day before the arrest.
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. And by the way, was my client arrested by warrant or site arrest?
  - A. Your client was taken into custody.
  - Q. Was there a warrant at the time?
  - A. No, sir.
- Q. So, if you signed a report that stated that he was arrested by warrant, that's something that would have slipped through?
- have slipped through?
  A. It was further arrested once Morgan filed
  charges that he was taken into custody.
  - Q. He was further arrested by warrant?
  - A. He was arrested -- once we took him into custody, Agent Morgan prepared a warrant for his arrest.
    - Q. Do you have a copy of that warrant?
- 25 A. I'm not the case agent.

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2 talk to you?

A. That's correct.

Q. And that's pretty significant, don't you think?

A. Excuse me.

Q. That's pretty significant. Do you recall exactly what you said that's significant?

A. I believe.

Q. Okay.

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Do you think it is significant enough that it should be written in some report, any report at all?

A. I gave him, Agent Morgan, the information. When I approached him, he threw the box at me, and that was it. I did not prepare the report.

Q. I am not talking about the box.

Do you remember specifically saying that you approached him and you said, excuse me, sir, can I talk to you? That's what you testified to.

A. Yes, sir, I did. That's standard.

O. What I'm saying to you, don't you think that's significant enough, and you said yes. Should it be in some report that you said that, you approached him and said that?

A. I don't believe so.

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strike you? A. No, caught it and just placed it on the ground and took off after him.

O. He threw it at you, and you caught it?

A. Yes.

O. He just lobbed the box at you is what you're saying?

A. Yes.

O. When was it you learned what was actually in

A. The previous day before the arrest when we took your client into custody.

Q. Didn't you just testify that the box contained marijuana?

A. Yes. sir.

Your question was when did I learn that the box contained marijuana, right?

Q. No.

When was it you learned that the box did not contain marijuana, because up till now I believe the box does not contain marijuana?

Are you under the impression that box has marijuana in it?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. As of now, you still believe that box is

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Now, when was it that Agent Morgan gave you the signal to take him down?

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A. When he exited from the Mailbox Etc. store.

Q. Okay.

A. And he had a box in his hand.

Q. And you said you were three to four feet from him, you said this, he threw it at you, and ran?

A. Yes, sir, he ran southbound.

Q. Southbound, which direction?

A. Southbound, back towards the store.

Q. Back towards the store. Did he actually get inside the store?

A. No.

15 Q. Do you know if all the vehicles driven by your brother officers converged on him? 16

A. No, I caught him.

Q. You caught him?

A. Yes.

O. You tackled him? 20

A. No. I had him up against the wall. I had

21 22 him in an arm lock, and then other agents arrived. We

23 put him on the ground because he was resisting. He was 24

fighting, and he was cuffed.

Q. The box he threw at you struck you? Did it

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marijuana?

A. I still -- I still believe it contains marijuana, yes, sir.

Q. Are you saying you believe that as we speak, right now that box contains marijuana?

ATTORNEY SINNETT: Asked and answered, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Sustained.

BY ATTORNEY NERO:

Q. Well, you read these reports?

A. I read those reports months ago, sir.

Q. And the reports never gave you an indication that this box was made up by Agent Morgan and don't contain marijuana?

17 A. They may have -- like I said, I review hundreds of reports. 18

> Q. So, you are saying when you sign these reports, it is a perfunctory duty to sign whatever is placed before you?

A. No. sir.

Like on this particular day before I came into court, I did not review his reports. I have hundreds of cases before me.

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1	Q. Did you before testifying now speak to Agent	1
2	Morgan earlier today?	2
3	A. No, sir, I did not, other than to say hi, how	3
4	are you doing.	4 5 6
5	Q. So, it was never brought to your attention	5
6	from January 10th to now that that box never contained	6
7	marijuana?	7
8	A. Other than what's in the report, and it may	8
9	have usually what we do when we do interdictions, we	9
10	switch the controlled substance with anything that has	10
11	the weight of it and just place it in the box. On this	11
12	particular date for some reason, I think we still had	12
13	the marijuana.	13
-14 -	Q. You thought that when you went out on January	14
15	10th, the marijuana already come to you, and you	15
16	switched it, or you still think that marijuana was in	16
17	the box?	17
18	A. I still think there's marijuana in the box.	18
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20	ATTORNEY NERO: I have no further	20
21	questions.	21
22	THE COURT: Redirect?	22
23	ATTORNEY SINNETT: Very briefly, Your	23
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1	JAN METZLER,	1
2	called as a witness on behalf of the Commonwealth,	2 3 4
3	having been duly sworn according to law,	3
4	testified as follows:	
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6	DIRECT EXAMINATION	6
7	BY ATTORNEY SINNETT:	7
8	Q. Ma'am, could you tell us your name, please?	8
9	A. Jan Metzler.	9
10	Q. And where do you work?	10
11	A. I own actually the Mailboxes Etc. store on	11
12	Eastern Boulevard in York.	12
13	Q. What's the address of that particular store?	13
14	A. It's 2536 Eastern Boulevard.	14
15	Q. And is that Springettsbury Township?	15
16	A. Yes.	16
17	Q. York County?	17
18	A. Yes.	18
19	Q. And how long have you owned that?	19
20	A. Since April of 1999.	20
21	Q. Okay.	21
22	And specifically in your role as owner, I am	22
23	assuming then the people who work in that store are	23
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Page 7 of 7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY ATTORNEY SINNETT: O. Agent Westmoreland, were you there when that box was prepared, when it was assembled? A. No, sir, I wasn't. ATTORNEY SINNETT: No further questions. THE COURT: You may step down. ATTORNEY SINNETT: Your Honor, may he be excused? THE COURT: Is there an objection? ATTORNEY NERO: No objection. THE COURT: Witness may be excused. THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. ATTORNEY SINNETT: We're going to call Jan Metzler next. ATTORNEY NERO: Your Honor, if necessary for rebuttal, maybe not today, may he be available? THE COURT: Mr. Westmoreland, agent, it's been requested that you remain available subject to recall by the defense. You don't have to stay physically, but you may have to come back. ATTORNEY SINNETT: May we have Jan Metzler, please? She is out in the hall.

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- Q. And the paperwork that's generated, I'm sure there's a lot of paperwork generated as a result of these different rental agreements and everything. Is that kept under your control?
  - A. Yes, yes, it is.
  - Q. And do you review those documents?
- Q. Do you store those documents somewhere in the business or in your home or somewhere like that?
  - A. At the business, yes, we do.
- Q. Specifically included with those documents, are their rental agreements -- or I'm not sure what you call them, when somebody comes in and says I would like to get a box here for mail to be delivered, what do you call that?
  - A. It is a rental agreement.
- O. Okav.

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- A. And there is a specific United States postal form that's also required.
- Q. And what all type of information do you ask of someone when they come in?
- A. It's pretty general; name, address, phone number.

The one important thing also is we do require two forms of identification. One must be a photo I.D.,

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under your direction and control?

A. Yes, yes, that's right.

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